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SUBJECT: CIVIAR - SEABOARD SUMMER SCHEDULE

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1. LOCAL SEABOARD REP RELEPHONED EMBASSY EARLY JANUARY 29, STATING HE HAD JUST RECEIVED SEVERAL POSSIBLE 1976 SUMMER SCHEDULES FROM SEABOARD'S US HEADQUARTERS--COMBINATIONS/PERMUTATIONS TOTAL FIVE--ALONG WITH REQUEST TH HE SEEK EMBASSY'S ADVICE ON WHICH SCHEDULE WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE TO FILE.
2. EMBOFF INFORMED LOCAL SEABOARD REP THAT EMBASSY IS IN NO RPT NO POSITION (ESPECIALLY AT SUCH LATE DATE) TO JUDGE WHICH SCHEDULE BEST SERVES SEABOARD'S OVERALL INTERESTS, BUT THAT EMBASSY PREPARED FILE SUCH A SCHEDULE EVEN IT REPRESENTS CAPACITY INCREASE. EMBOFF SUGGESTED HE CONSULT IMMEDIATELY WITH HIS SUPERIONS TO DETERMINE SEABOARD'S PREFERRED SCHEDULE AND INFORM EMBASSY ASAP, SO THAT THIS SCHEDULE CAN BE SUBMITTED TO MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JANUARY 30.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES SEABOARD'S PREFERENCE WILL BE FORE FIVE WEEKLY 747-F FREQUENCIES ON NEW YORK-FRANKFURT MILAN-NEW YORK ROUTE. (THIS WOULD ELIMINATE PRESENT PISA SERVICES). SUCH A SUMMER SCHEDULE, WHICH SEABOARD

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PROPOSES BECOME EFFECTIVE MAY 3, 1976 (OPERATING CURRENT

SCHEDULE UNTIL THEN) WILL GIVE ALITALIA HEARTBURN (BOTH
BECAUSE OF CAPACITY INCREASE AND INTRODUCTION OF 747),
BUT CAN BE DISCUSSED DURING CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON.
IF GOI/ALITALIA HAVE OVERWHELMING OBJECTIONS TO SUCH A
SCHEDULE, THEN ALTERNATIVES CAN BE EXPLORED DURING
CONSULTATIONS AND EITHER MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SEABOARD
SCHEDULE AGREED UPON OR, UNDER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
PROCEDURES, GOI/ALITALIA WILL HAVE TO ACCEPT "FINAL"
SCHEDULE SUBMITTED BY USG.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS, IF ANY,
BY NOON (LOCAL TIME) JANUARY 30 IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO
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